

## MERMAID IS FOUND.

Scientifically She Is Known Merely as the "Dugong."

A Peculiar Mammal Which Is Bearing Extinction—The Connecting Link Between the Whale and the Seals and Walrus.

The latest addition to the mammalia department of the San Francisco academy of science, says the Examiner, is a real mermaid. The strange specimen arrived from Australia a few weeks ago and is now in the hands of the taxidermist. The process of curing and stuffing will be completed in a few days. Then the public may visit the academy and take a good square look at an honest siren of the seas.

Although the animal is the veritable original of the mermaid, her scientific name is not so supple on the lips as the soft pet names given to the marine sirens of mythology. She is known as the dugong, and while she is more or less interesting to the naturalist as being the inoffensive cause of the mermaid myth, she is still more interesting to him because she is a dugong. For the dugong has been battling for existence in the marine world for centuries and is about to lose her identity among her aquatic neighbors of the southern deep. The dugong is becoming rapidly extinct. A specimen is seldom captured and the one in the possession of the academy is regarded as an extraordinary prize.

Every nation under the sun has contributed to the mythical evolution of the dugong from a member of the manatee family of mammals to a beautiful sea siren with languorous eyes and flowing hair, who woos foolish mariners to destruction, and the folk lore of every nation has a different idea of the appearance of the mermaid. The crafty Chinese and Japanese have even manufactured a hideous semblance to a woman fish, and great painters have designed to commit to canvas their conception of the siren. The unattractive, motherly dugong was the cause of it all.

The dugong forms the connecting link between the real whale and the seals and walrus. Like the whale the animal has no hind feet, but a powerful horizontal tail. Its anterior extremities are more flexibly jointed



than those of the whale, and this is a distinguishing characteristic between the two animals. The dugong is said to have attained a length of twenty feet, but the usual length is from eight to twelve feet. The specimen at the academy is nearly seven feet long and has been very well preserved.

In appearance the animal resembles the manatee or sea cow. Its upper lip is large, thick and fleshy, and its snout is like the trunk of an elephant cut short across.

When the dugong is nursing its young its breasts are enlarged so as to be almost human in their aspect. The nursing process is carried on by the mother above water. The baby dugong is pressed against the exposed breast with one of mamma dugong's flippers, and in this position the animal swims horizontally through the water, using her remaining flipper to propel herself along. It is this singular characteristic of the animal that has given rise to the fable of the mermaid.

Sir James Emerson Tennent, the eminent naturalist, says: "The rude approach to the human outline observable in the shape of the head of this creature, and the attitude of the mother while suckling her young, holding it to her breast with one flipper and, while swimming with the other, holding the heads of both above water, and, when disturbed, suddenly diving and displaying her fish-like tail—these, together with her habitual demonstrations of strong maternal affection, probably gave rise to the fable of the mermaid."

Tennent traces the origin of the myth to the gilt-edged tales of early Arabian sailors who had watched the strange antics of the dugong in the waters of the Manarar.

Still another characteristic of the animal that contributed to its immortalization in mythology and heraldry is the peculiarly human-like, plaintive cry which it gives when its young is imperiled or becomes detached from its mother by muscular force. According to Herodotus, it was with the skin of this mammal that the Jews were directed to veil the temple.

The best proof that the dugong has been but imperfectly described by naturalists is the contradictory accounts given by scientists. Tennent says it gives no oil whatsoever, and the author of "Wonders of the Deep" declares that 4,000 bottles of oil have been obtained from one dugong. It is a sort of marine cosmopolite, for it has been found in the northern seas, along the tropical coast and streams of Africa and America, in the Red sea and the Indian ocean.

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